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Potential of Power Sector
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are many roadblocks in unleashing the full potential of country's power sector and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has chalked out any roadmap in this regard and has set targets for the purpose if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any mechanism to separate agriculture and non-agriculture feeders, facilitate judicious fostering of supply to agricultural and non-agricultural consumers in rural areas, and strengthen sub-transmission and distribution infrastructure in rural areas, including metering of distribution transformers/feeders/ consumers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

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(a) : There are no roadblocks in unleashing the full potential of country's power sector. However, there are some challenges in implementation of power projects, which, inter alia, include issues related to land acquisition, environment and forest clearances, law & order problems, rehabilitation & resettlement, geological uncertainties, right of way, financial closure, infrastructural inadequacies etc.

(b) : To ensure commissioning of the projects as per schedule, the following monitoring mechanism has been set up by the Ministry of Power:

â€¢ Central Electricity Authority (CEA) monitors the progress of under construction power projects.

â€¢ Regular reviews by Ministry of Power, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Cabinet Secretariat to identify the constraint areas and to facilitate quick resolution of inter-ministerial and other outstanding issues.

â€¢ Monitoring of on-going projects by Power Project Monitoring Panel (PPMP).
â€¢ Raising of issues in PRAGATI, for proactive governance and timely implementation, as and when required.

(c) & (d) : Government of India has launched "Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana" (DDUGJY) with a total outlay of Rs. 44033 crore including budgetary support of Rs. 33453 crore. The scheme has the following objectives:

â€¢ Separation of agriculture and non-agriculture feeders
â€¢ Strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution networks in rural areas
â€¢ Metering of distribution transformers/feeders/consumers in rural areas

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